

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the careful consideration given to the application.

Claims 35-46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,899,988 to Depledge. In response to that rejection, applicant now amends those claims to distinguish patentably over the Depledge patent. In addition, applicant herewith adds new claim 53.

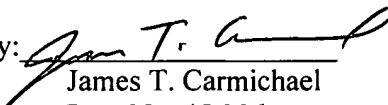
As amended, claims 35-46, and new claim 53, all recite specific ordinal or sequential relationships among predicates or words in the encoding. These relationships were not previously recited in the claims, and are not taught or suggested by Depledge.

Thus, it is believed that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for claims 35-46 and 53 is earnestly solicited. Formal drawings are submitted herewith.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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